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SUBJ: DEATH OF CORNELIUS U. KLIPP

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1. CONSULAR OFFICER TRAVELLED TO BACOLOD CITY ON 5/4/78
TO TAKE POSSESSION OF KLIPP'S EFFECTS AND TO LOOK INTO
WELFARE OF KLIPP'S 4 1/2 YR. OLD SON, CHRISTOPHER.
CHRISTOPHER IS IN GOOD HEALTH AND WILL REMAIN WITH KLIPP'S
FEMALE COMPANION AT THE HOTEL IN BACOLOD CITY FOR THE
PRESENT, PENDING A DECISION BY MRS. MARY LOU KLIPP
IN HONOLULU OR KLIPP'S SISTER, MS. ARDELL YOUNGSMA IN
ILLINOIS REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP OF CHRISTOPHER.

2. DURING DISCUSSION WITH CONSULAR OFFICER, KLIPP'S FEMALE
COMPANION SAID THAT SHE HAD BEEN TOLD BY KLIPP THAT HIS WIFE,
MARY LOU DIORES KLIPP, MIGHT HAVE ASSUMED THE NAME OF MRS.
MARK (OR MIKE) MILLER AND THAT SHE WAS INVOLVED IN LEGAL DI-
FFICULTY INVOLVING U.S. TAX OFFICIALS. CONSULATE BELIEVES IT
POSSIBLE THAT THE NANETTE MILLER MENTIONED IN DEPT. REFTEL
AND MARY LOU DIORES KLIPP ARE THE SAME PERSON. CONSULATE
REQUESTS THAT DEPT. PASS THIS INFO ON TO THE COMMERCIAL
CARRIER AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN HONOLULU AS IT MAY
ASSIST THEM IN LOCATING MRS. KLIPP.

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3. LOCAL FUNERAL HOME IN BACOLOD CITY, WHERE KLIPP'S REMAINS
ARE BEING HELD, OFFERED THE FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING COSTS
OF BURIAL OR SHIPMENT OF KLIPP'S REMAINS TO THE U.S.:

A. COST OF BURYING KLIPP IN BACOLOD CITY IN A SIMPLE
CASKET, WITH MINIMUM EXPENSES, AT LOCAL CEMETERY IS APPROX
DOLLARS 240.00.

B. COST OF PREPARING REMAINS AND SHIPPING THEM TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IS ESTIMATED AT A MINIMUM, REPEAT MINIMUM OF DOLLARS 1,240.00 (THIS FIGURE INCLUDES PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT OVERSEAS, SPECIAL LEAD LINING OF CASKET, WHICH IS REQUIRED BY PHILIPPINE LAW, SPECIAL EMBALMING, WHICH IS ALSO REQUIRED, AND SHIPMENT BY AIR FROM BACOLOD CITY TO MANILA TO CHICAGO).

4. IF MR. KLIPP'S WIFE IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN A FEW DAYS, CONSULATE REQUESTS THAT DEPT. TELEPHONE KLIPP'S SISTER, MS. YOUNGSMA, AND SEEK HER AUTHORIZATION EITHER TO BURY OR SHIP THE REMAINS. UNLESS MS. YOUNGSMA OBJECTS, CONSULATE PROPOSES TO BURY MR. KLIPP IN BACOLOD CITY. IN HIS ESTATE, MR. KLIPP HAD APPROX. DOLLARS 80.00 IN CASH. HE ALSO HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A U.S. TREASURY CHECK FOR DOLLARS 1464.00 WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO THE ISSUING OFFICE. THE ONLY OTHER ITEM OF ANY VALUE IN KLIPP'S ESTATE IS AN EIGHT-TRACK TAPE DECK WHICH CONSULATE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SELL TO PAY FOR FUNERAL EXPENSES. KLIPP DOES NOT OWE HOSPITAL BILL - HE HAD DEPOSITED MONEY WITH THE HOSPITAL BEFORE HIS DEATH WHICH COVERED HIS MEDICAL EXPENSES.

5. IF MS. YOUNGSMA DESIRES KLIPP'S BURIAL IN THE U.S. CONSULATE REQUESTS THAT SHE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF DOLLARS 1,240.00 TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSES OF SHIPPING
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THE BODY. DECISION REGARDING BURIAL OR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS MUST BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE EACH DAY THAT THE REMAINS STAY AT THE FUNERAL HOME, THERE IS AN EXTRA CHARGE OF APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 7.00 PER DAY.

6. IF MRS. KLIPP IS NOT LOCATED, CONSULATE REQUESTS DEPT. ALSO ASK MS. YOUNGSMA IF SHE IS WILLING TO PAY CHRISTOPHER'S AIR TRAVEL FROM BACOLOD TO MANILA TO CHICAGO (TOTAL COST IS APPROX. DOLLARS 400.00) AND ASSUME TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP OF THE BOY UNTIL HIS MOTHER CAN BE LOCATED. IF MS. YOUNGSMA IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE FINANCIALLY TO ASSIST CHRISTOPHER TO RETURN TO THE U.S., BUT IS WILLING TO ASSUME GUARDIANSHIP CONSULATE WILL INITIATE PAPERWORK FOR HIS REPATRIATION TO THE U.S.

7. AFTER ABOVE CABLE DRAFTED CONSULATE DISCOVERED IN KLIPP'S EFFECTS FOLLOWING ADDRESS FOR MRS. MARY LOU KLIPP: CARE OF: MRS. LINDA BLUNT, 1941-C BENFOLD CIRCLE, CATLIN PARK, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96818. CONSULATE DOES NOT KNOW IF ABOVE ADDRESS IS CURRENT OR NOT. REQUEST DEPT. ATTEMPT TO CONTACT MRS. KLIPP AT THIS ADDRESS.
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